



# HIGHLIGHTS SENIORS UNITED – SEPTEMBER 2015

Our meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 9, 2015** at **12:00 noon** at the **Clark County Library** located at **1401 E Flamingo Road**.

**State Treasurer Dan Schwartz** is sponsoring a lunch from Capriotti's and he will be our speaker at the meeting. **REMINDER OUR MEMBERSHIP DUES RUN SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST—PLEASE RENEW YOUR DUES IN SEPTEMBER SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO REACH OUR SENIOR COMMUNITY IN NEVADA AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

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Thank you.**



## SEPTEMBER 7TH

"Genius begins great works; labor  
alone finishes them."

Joseph Joubert

**SENIORS UNITED CREED**  
**ESTABLISHED BY JULIAN AND LILIAN WALLACE**

*Seniors United was created as an inspirational medium for seniors. It's  
purpose is to educate, promote and protect the rights of seniors.*

*The needs of seniors differ from younger citizens. It is important to  
have an organization devoted to our place in the community and to  
promote it's continued growth.*

*The members of Seniors United want to share experiences with  
others. Nonpartisan and nonsectarian, we are very actively involved  
in the political structure of our state and country. Forums are varied  
to benefit the needs of the community and to discuss political issues.  
Guest speakers come from all areas.*

*It is with pride that we are seniors and are doubly proud to be  
members of Seniors United. The pride continues in our many  
accomplishments and in the good name we have established in the  
community. Our goal is to develop plans for a great tomorrow and to  
make it happen.*

*Everyone is welcome, young to old and from every walk of life.*

## **SENIORS UNITED MEANS SENIOR POWER**

**A monthly publication of Seniors United. A nonprofit organization serving thousands of senior citizens.**

### **2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION THAT IMPACT SENIORS**

Here are some bills that passed this last session that will have an impact on seniors:

SB177 CARE Act: The CARE act passed both committees and houses unanimously. This will increase communication and training for family caregivers when those they care for go into a hospital.

AB28: Long Term Care Ombudsman will be required to instruct facilities on client directed care principles and techniques. This will help increase the quality of care in long term care facilities by helping residents have more control over their lives.

AB222: Sanctions for Facilities for the Dependent who are operating without a license will now include a larger range of facility types that provide care for frail and vulnerable older adults. This legislation will now include home care agencies and other providers of care that were left out of the initial regulations. More seniors and their families will now have increased protections as the State will have increased ability to penalize providers who are not sanctioned - as an incentive for them to apply for licensure and related oversight.

AB223: Elder abuse statute was improved with the addition of "abandonment" as an offense and changes to the threshold of what constitutes abuse. The terms "willful and negligent" were removed from the statute making it easier to prosecute and convict those accused of abuse. This will also make it easier for law enforcement to arrest and refer cases for prosecution. This should result in increased reporting and conviction of those guilty of elder abuse.

AB242: Post Acute Care interim study authorized by this legislation will look at issues involving the spectrum of long term care settings and services provided. Populations and services from SB269 (failed), an interim study for the care of cognitive and behaviorally challenged older adults, will be included in this study. This will look at access, quality, types, oversight, and transitions in settings and services and also payment/funding sources and opportunities.

AB325: Private paid guardians will now be required to be licensed by the state and have more oversight and supervision by the Department of Business and Industry. This will provide increased protections for wards and their families. The bill also allows for the appointment of an out-of-state guardian so family members or other significant relationships will be allowed to be sole guardians under specific circumstances.

SB242: Pay day and Title loans best practice standards will now be required for all entities engaging in these short term loan businesses. This will increase the protections and notices to consumers including the requirement of upfront notices of total fees, costs, and interest a loan will incur.

SB250: Prescription Drug Synchronization will now be allowed by pharmacists to partially fill prescriptions so a patient will be able to pick them up all on the same day. We were not able to keep the partial co-pay provision in the bill, but this will increase consumers' ability to get their medicine at one time each month avoiding multiple trips to a pharmacy.

FUTURE INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO OUR SENIORS ON THE QUALIFICATIONS AND APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE SENIOR TAX REBATE PROGRAM THAT WAS REINSTATED THIS LAST SESSION AND WILL BE HANDLED BY THE STATE OF NEVADA DIVISION OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES.

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**Seniors United – APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 per year per person (expiration date is one year from application date)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 per year per couple

\_\_\_\_\_ \$150.00 per year Corporate/Silver Members

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Mail to: 1155 East Twain Suite #108-177, Las Vegas, NV 89169